

FAITH-BASED APPROACHES CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT COVID-19 VACCINATION EFFORTS:

RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES AND THE RACE AGAINST THE VIRUS

Findings from the 2021 PRRI-IFYC Religious Diversity and Vaccine Survey



About the PRRI-IFYC Religious Diversity and the Vaccine Survey

- Survey designed and conducted jointly by PRRI and IFYC
- Conducted online March 8 - 30, 2021
- Total sample size is 5,625 adults (ages 18 and over) living in all 50 states
 - 5,149 who are part of Ipsos's Knowledge Panel
 - 476 who were recruited by Ipsos using opt-in survey panels to increase sample sizes in smaller states.
- Margin of error is +/- 1.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, including the design effect of 1.4.

THE RACE AGAINST THE VIRUS: VACCINE ACCEPTERS, HESITANCY, AND REFUSERS

Most Americans Plan to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine, But More than 4 in 10 Are Hesitant or Refusers

Percent who:

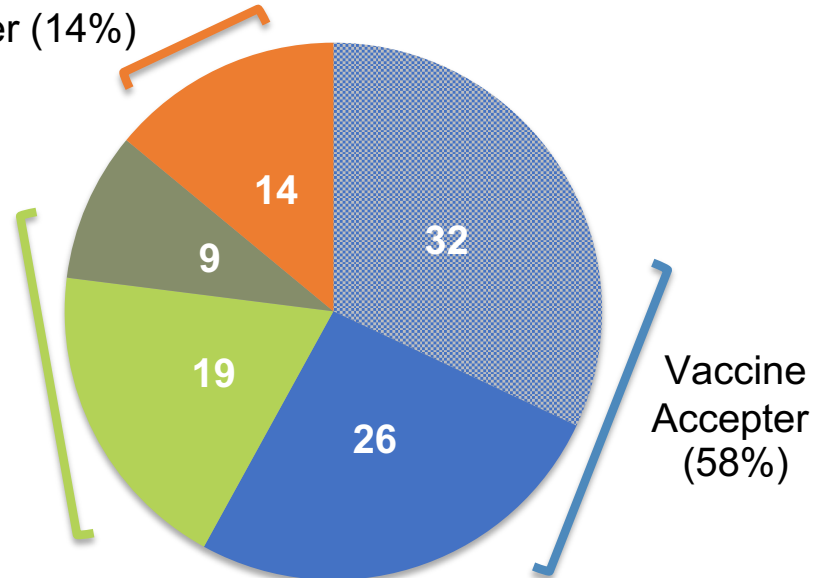
■ Already received a dose
■ Will only get if required

■ Will get a dose ASAP
■ Will not get

■ Will wait and see

Vaccine Refuser (14%)

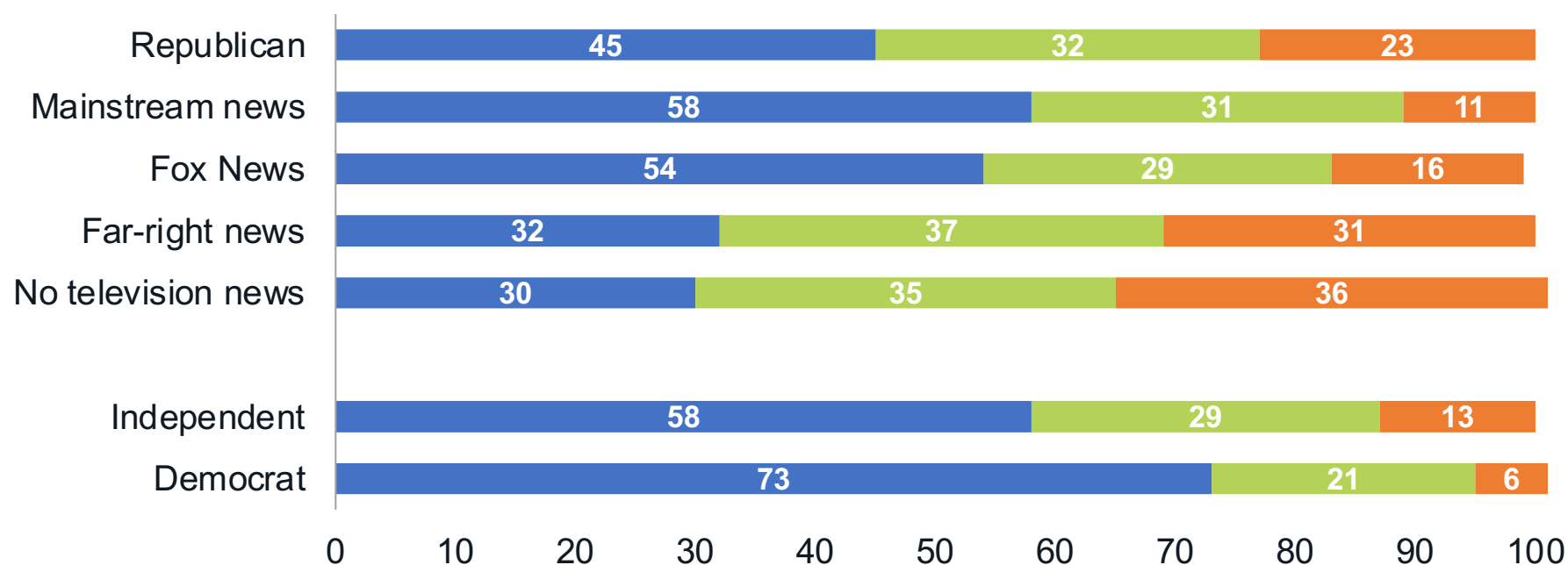
Vaccine
Hesitant
(28%)



Vaccine Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Party Affiliation and Media Consumption

Percent who are:

■ Vaccine Acceptor ■ Vaccine Hesitant ■ Vaccine Refuser

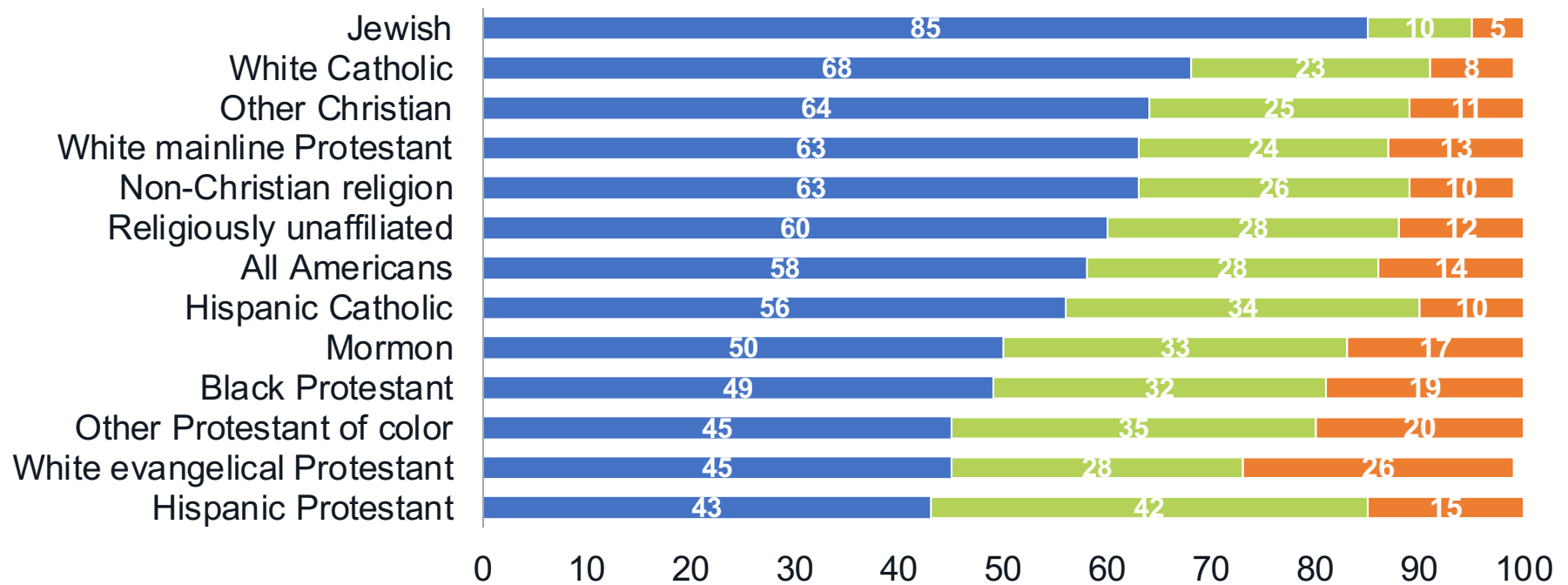


Source: PRRI-IFYC March 2021 Survey.

Vaccine Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Religious Affiliation

Percent who are:

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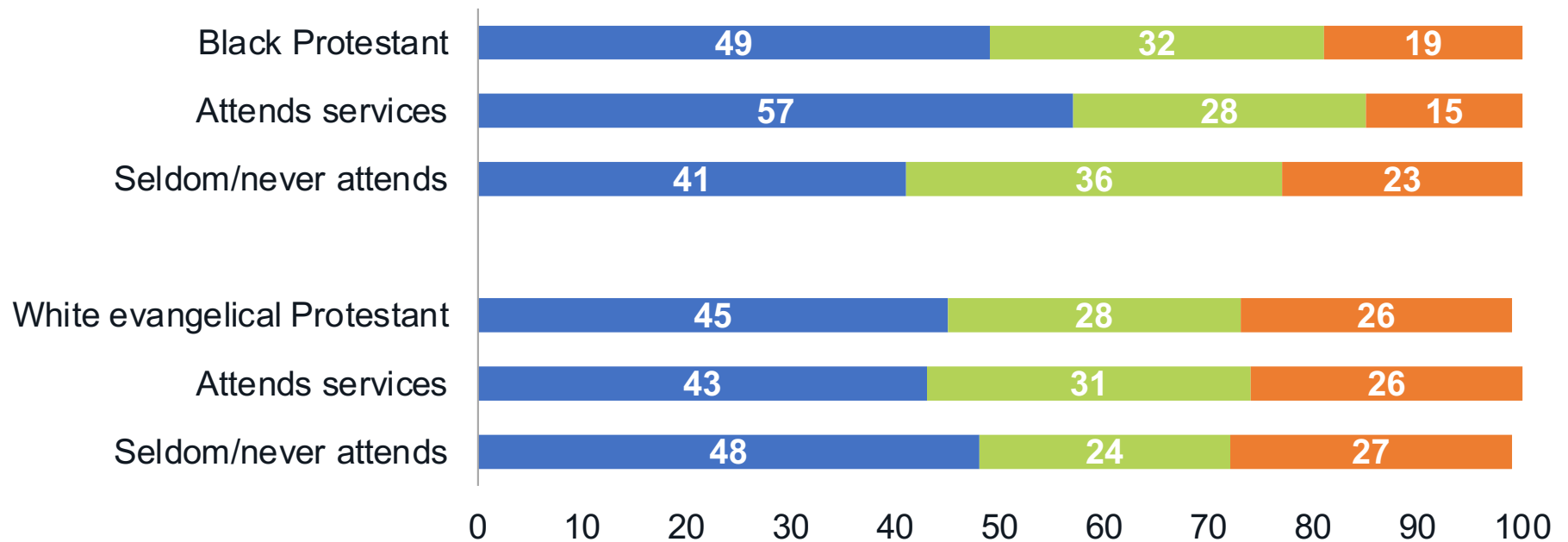


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Vaccine Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Religious Affiliation and Attendance

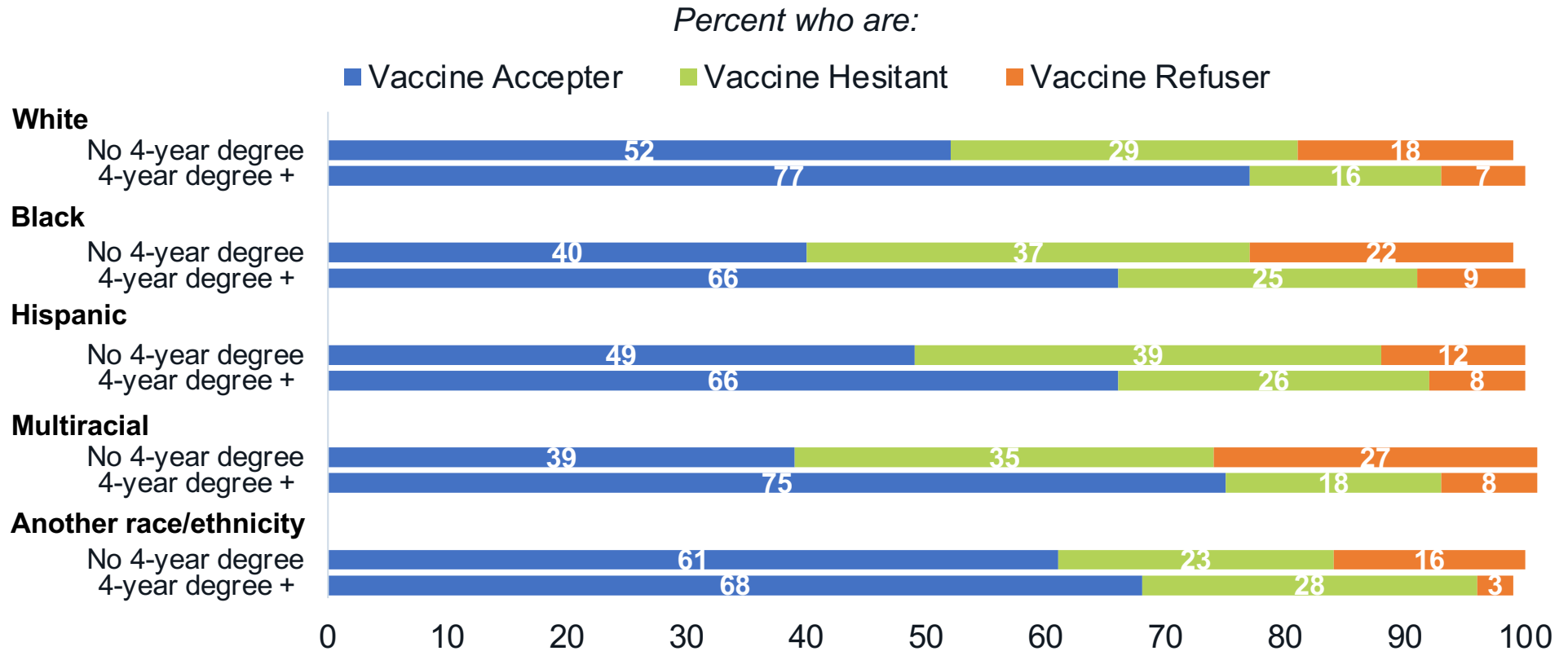
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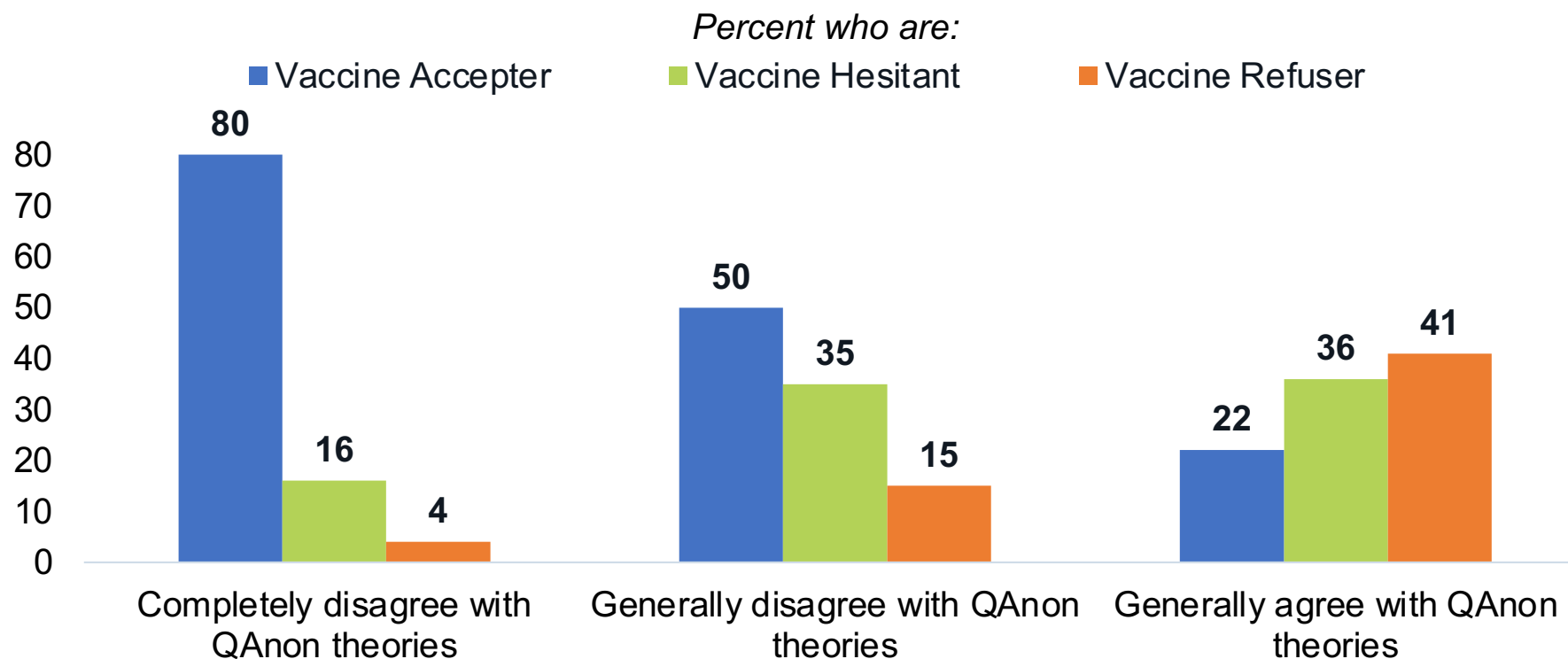
Source: PRRI-IFYC March 2021 Survey.

Vaccine Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Race/Ethnicity and Education



Source: PRRI-IFYC March 2021 Survey.

Vaccine Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Belief in QAnon Conspiracy Theories

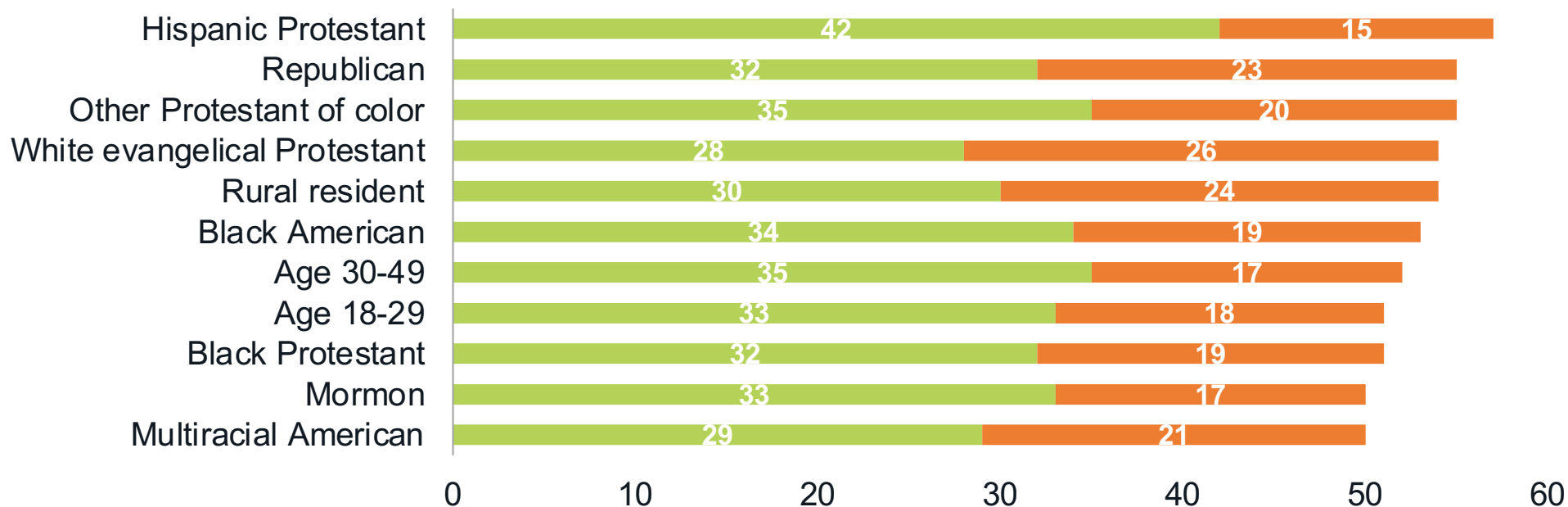


Source: PRRI-IFYC March 2021 Survey.

Groups Among Whom Half or More Are Vaccine Hesitant or Refusers

Percent who are:

■ Vaccine Hesitant ■ Vaccine Refuser

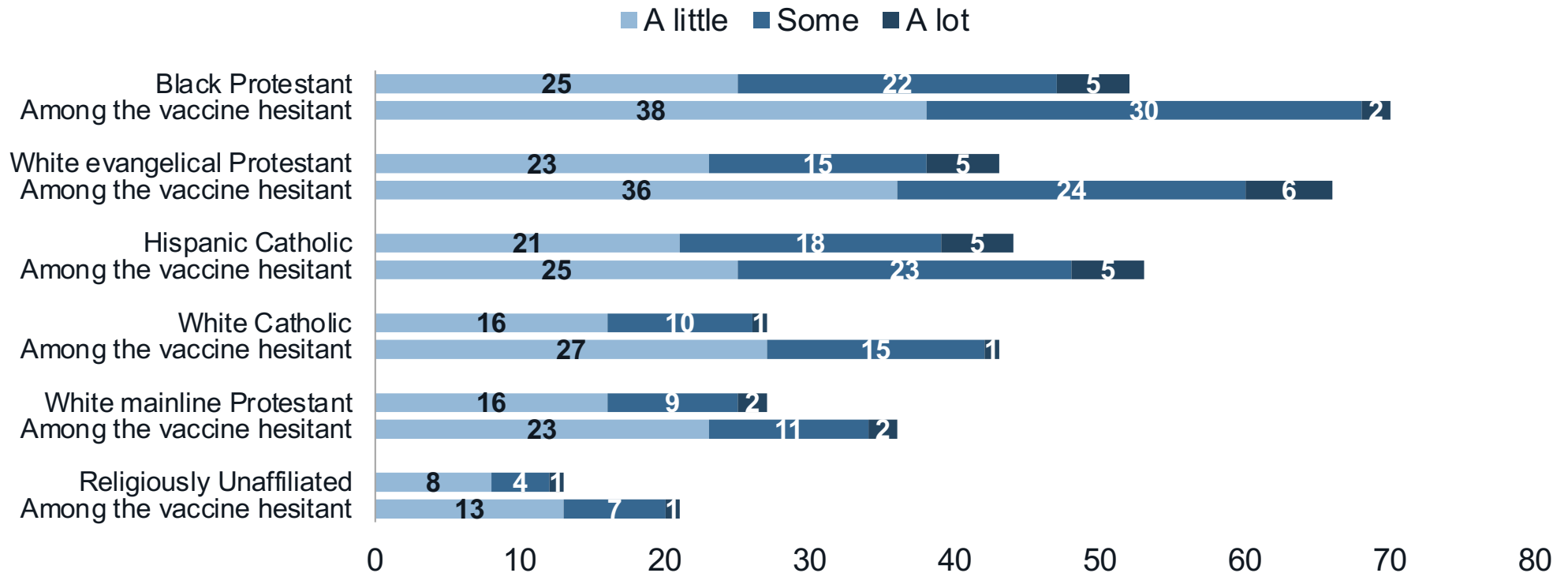


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THE IMPACT OF FAITH-BASED APPROACHES ON VACCINE UPTAKE

Religious Leaders Can Be a Source of Trusted Information for Vaccine-Hesitant Religious Groups

Percent who say they would look to a religious leader for information on the vaccine:



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Impact of Faith-Based Approaches on Vaccine Willingness, Among All Americans

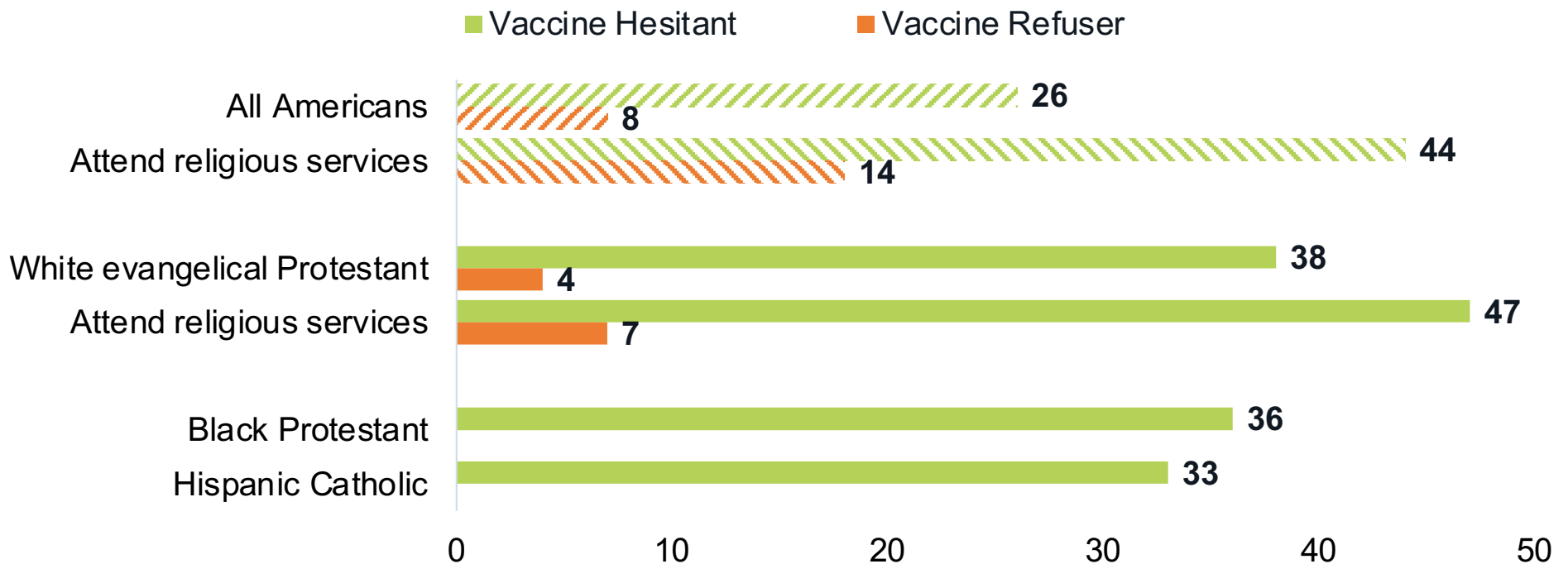
Percent who say the following would make them at least somewhat more likely to get the vaccine:

	Hesitant	Refuser
A religious leader encouraged you to get the vaccine	13%	4%
Your religious community held a forum to discuss the safety of the vaccine	14%	3%
A religious leader you trust got the vaccine	13%	4%
A member of your religious community got the vaccine	11%	3%
You could get the vaccine at a nearby religious congregation	10%	3%
Your religious community provided assistance in getting an appointment to get the vaccine	11%	3%

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The Impact of Faith-based Approaches on Increasing Vaccine Acceptance, by Religious Affiliation and Attendance

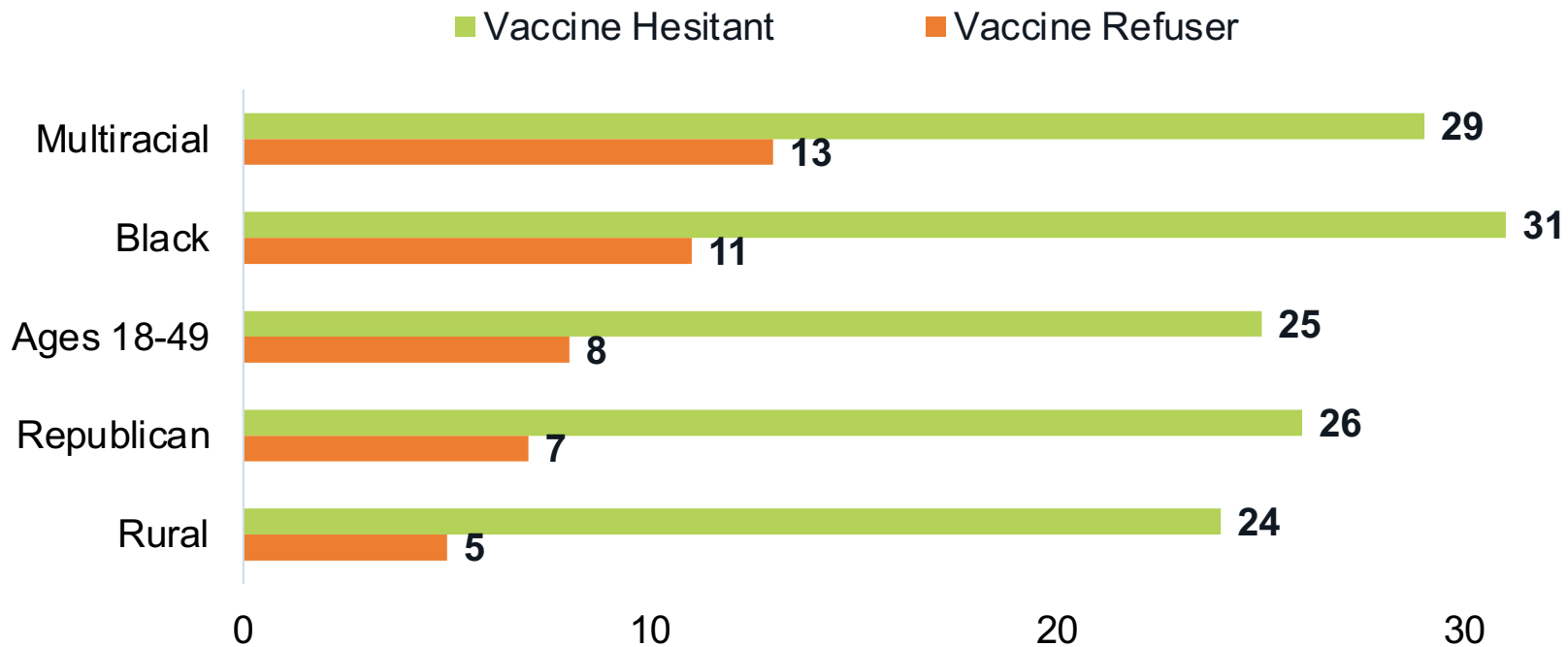
*Percent who say one or more faith-based approaches would make them
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The Impact of Faith-based Approaches on Increasing Vaccine Acceptance, by Key Demographics

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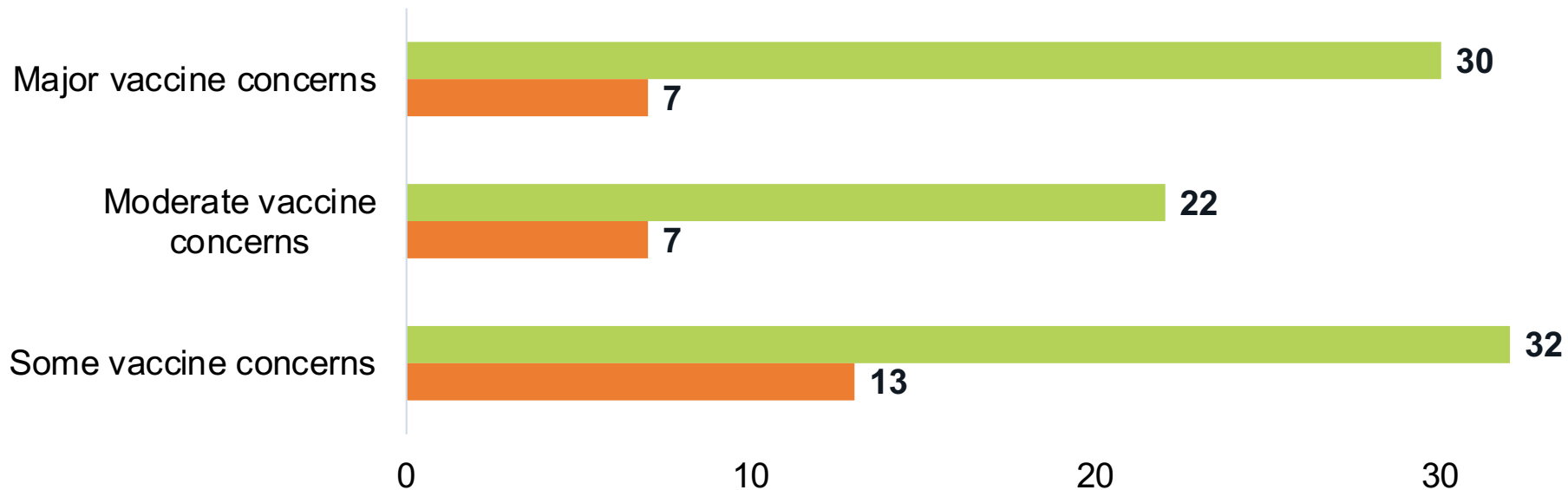


Source: PRRI-IFYC March 2021 Survey.

The Impact of Faith-based Approaches on Increasing Vaccine Acceptance, by Concerns with COVID-19 Vaccines

Percent who say one or more faith-based approaches would make them MORE LIKELY to get vaccinated:

■ Vaccine Hesitant ■ Vaccine Refuser

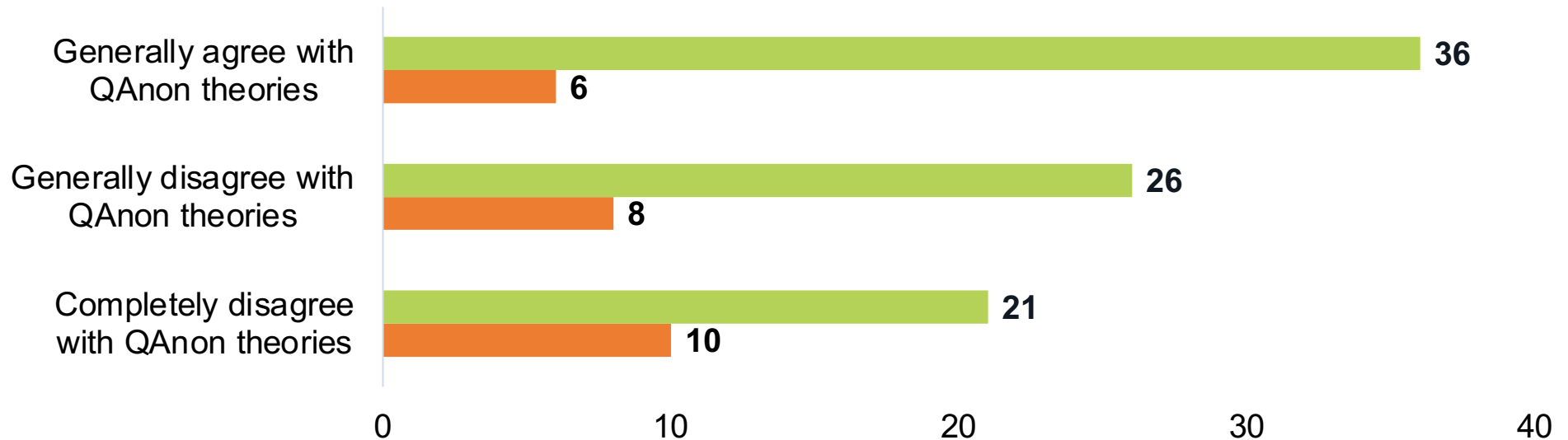


Source: PRRI-IFYC March 2021 Survey.

The Impact of Faith-based Approaches on Increasing Vaccine Acceptance, by QAnon Conspiracy Theory Beliefs

Percent who say one or more faith-based approaches would make them MORE LIKELY to get vaccinated:

■ Vaccine hesitant ■ Vaccine refuser



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TAKING ACTION: RECOMMENDED STEPS FOR MOBILIZING FAITH COMMUNITIES

The Faith Factor

Faith engagement could be the key to herd immunity

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Black Churches Step in to Help Distribute COVID-19 Vaccines

Florida pilot program could become model for other states.
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Evangelical Christian and Orthodox Jewish Leaders Offer Spaces for Vaccine Distribution



Sikh Leaders Celebrate Upcoming Holiday With Vaccine Clinic



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Covid-19 Vaccine Efforts Get a Boost from Black Communities' Pastors

While broadcast messages have been effective so far, **person to person** engagement will be essential for the next stage in vaccine outreach.

Key Recommendations

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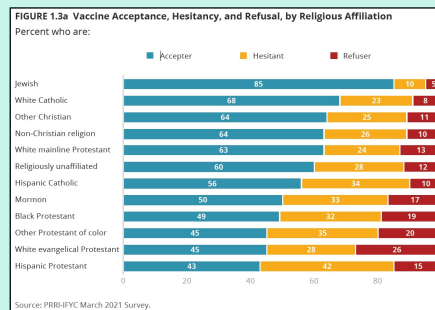
Expand Faith-based Vaccination Sites



Leverage trusted locations to increase comfort with vaccination in hesitant communities

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Expand Data Gathering to Monitor Progress



Enhance precision polling to monitor progress in key communities, with attention to promising interventions

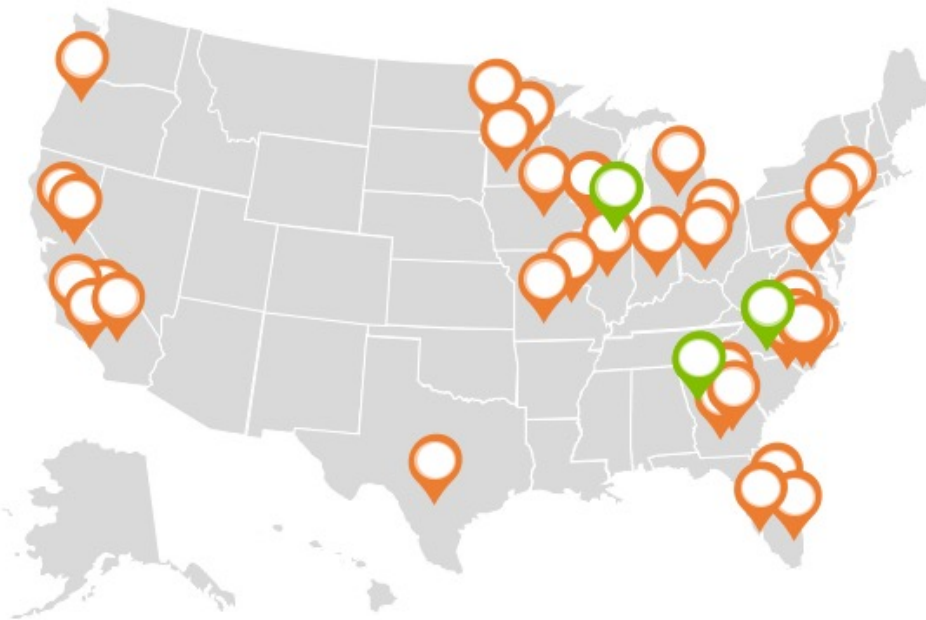
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Scale Faith Community Health Ambassadors

Expand religiously and culturally competent community health ambassador programs in localities across the nation



Faith in the Vaccine Ambassador Program



... by the numbers:

- 100 campuses
- ~2,000 ambassadors
- 3 city-based clusters
- Partnerships with hundreds of faith-based and faith-inspired communities

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